

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 24, 2003 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 22-39, 46, 48-53 and 55-58 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification. Claims 22-46 and 48-58 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claims 40-45 and 54 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner pointed out that the claim 40 in the previous Response included two steps of "adhering a support device."

Applicants note that the second step of "adhering a support device" was a typographical error and apologize for any inconvenience caused by this error. Claim 40, as presented herein, was previously presented in the Response dated October 25, 2002. In the reply Office Action of January 14, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claim 40 was allowed. Accordingly, no intentional amendments have been made to claim 40. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 40, as previously presented on October 25, 2002 and herein presented, is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants submit that dependent claim 41-45 and 54 are in condition for allowance.

It is noted that Applicants have labeled claim 40 with a "previously presented" parenthetical. Applicants have confirmed with Legal Advisor, Eugenia Jones of the Office of Patent Legal Administration, that this is the proper form, as claim 40 has not intentionally been amended from its previous form. The Examiner is asked to kindly call Applicants' below listed representative if the Examiner objects to this claim presentation.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 22-39, 46, 48-53 and 55-58 are allowed. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification.

SUMMARY

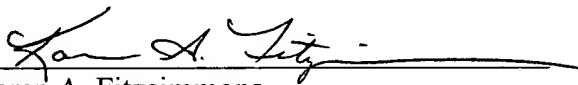
It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 22-46, 48-58) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,



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